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ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD.,

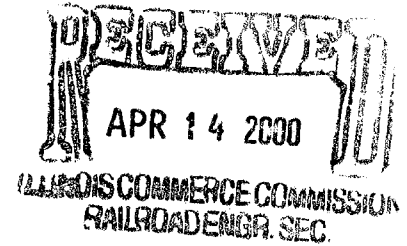
Petitioner

v.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,
COOK COUNTY and
VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT,

Respondent

Petition of Wisconsin Central Ltd. seeking an order
of the Illinois Commerce Commission directing that an
additional track and grade crossing be constructed and
that grade crossing improvements be made at Euclid
Avenue (DOT 689-681K) on the Wisconsin Central
Ltd. in Mount Prospect, Cook County, IL.



DOCKET No. 700-0033

PETITION

Now comes Petitioner, Wisconsin Central Ltd. ("WCL") and petitions the Illinois Commerce Commission (the "Commission") for an order directing that an additional track and that grade crossing improvements be made at Euclid Avenue (DOT 689-681K) on the WCL in Mount Prospect, Cook County, IL. In support of its Petition, WCL states as follows:

1. WCL is a rail carrier operating in Illinois and is a rail carrier within the meaning of the Illinois Commercial Transportation Law.
2. The Illinois Department of Transportation is an agency of the State of Illinois and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
3. Cook County is a political subdivision within the State of Illinois and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
4. The Village of Mount Prospect is a political subdivision within the State of Illinois

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and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

5. WCL owns and operates a main line of railroad through Cook County continuing into Lake County and to the Wisconsin border. This main line carries Canadian National trains in addition to WCL trains. This main line passes through the municipality made party respondent to this action.

6. Metra operates ten commuter trains per day from Chicago to Antioch, Illinois on the WCL main line described in the preceding paragraph.

7. To improve safety and efficiency of Metra operations on WCL's main line, officials from the Engineering Department of WCL and Metra have determined that construction of an additional track, at grade, across Euclid Avenue in Mount Prospect is necessary to safely accommodate the Metra trains without interference from or delay caused by freight operations.

8. WCL and Metra have determined that improvements to the existing grade crossing of Euclid Avenue should be made, when the new track and crossing is constructed, to meet the requirements of public safety.

9. The average daily traffic count, WCL traffic (including Canadian National traffic) and timetable speed, Metra traffic and timetable speed, existing warning devices and existing crossing surface type are set forth in Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

10. The proposed new construction and improvements at the grade crossing, the estimated cost and the proposed division of cost for implementing the work are also set forth in Exhibit A.

11. A construction plan for the project is attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference.

12. Petitioner proposes that funds already allocated to Metra be used to finance the new construction and improvements proposed and set forth in Exhibit A.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner Wisconsin Central Ltd. respectfully requests that the
Commission:

- a. Set this matter for hearing with due notice to the parties;
- b. After hearing, enter an order directing Petitioner Wisconsin Central Ltd., to construct an additional track and grade crossing and, in the interest of public safety, to make improvements to the existing crossing as set forth in Exhibits A and B;
- c. Apportion the costs involved in the new construction and the improvement among the parties, as outlined in Exhibit A; and
- d. Provide such other and further relief as the Commission deems just and appropriate.

Dated at Rosemont, Illinois this 10th day of April, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD.

By: Michael J. Barron, Jr.
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EXHIBIT A

Euclid Avenue
Mount Prospect, IL
DOT 689-681K

AADT – 27,300

Rail traffic ----- 30 trains per day.
Timetable speed – 60 MPH

METRA traffic – 10 trains per day.
Timetable speed – 79 MPH

Existing warning devices ---- Flashers/gates & GCP control circuitry.
Proposed warning devices — Flashers/gates & GCP control circuitry.

Existing crossing surface ----- Flange plank & asphalt.
Proposed crossing surface ---- Precast concrete.

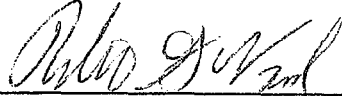
COST ESTIMATES

Reconstruct existing flange plank and asphalt crossing with precast concrete crossing -----	\$	52,250.00
Construct one new precast concrete crossing -----	\$	34,650.00
Relocate flasher/gate & install GCP control circuitry for two tracks -----	\$	171,500.00

**FUNDS ALREADY ALLOCATED TO METRA WILL BE USED TO FINANCE ALL
NEW CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS OUTLINED ABOVE.**

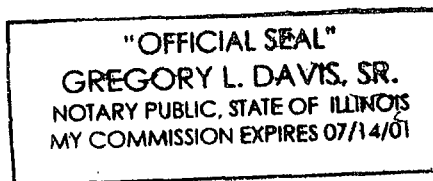
VERIFICATION

ROBERT G. WARD, being first duly sworn under oath, deposes and states that he is Chief Engineer-Administration of Wisconsin Central Ltd., that he has read the foregoing Petition of Wisconsin Central Ltd., and that the contents thereof are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.



Robert G. Ward

Subscribed and Sworn to
before me this 11th day of
April, 2000.


Notary Public

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PROOF OF SERVICE

MICHAEL J. BARRON, JR., being first duly sworn, under oath, deposes and states that on behalf of Petitioner, he served the foregoing Petition upon the respondents made party to this proceeding by enclosing copies of the Petition in envelopes addressed to those parties as set forth below, postage prepaid, and depositing the envelopes in the United States Mail at 6250 N. River Road, Rosemont, IL on the 12th day of April, 2000.

Michael J. Barron, Jr.

Michael J. Barron, Jr.

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to
Before me this 12th day of April,
2000.

Genise Martinez
Notary Public

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ATTACHMENT/EXHIBIT

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